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Merry Christmas and  
A Happy New Year  
to all our members

NATIONAL PARK de HOGE VELUWE is one of the largest nature reserves in the Netherlands. The park was established by businessman Anton Kröller and his wife Helene Kröller-Müller, as a private estate in 1909. The picture above is of a magnificent species of “Red Deer”, one of many species of wildlife that glorifies the park. More information on this national park can be found on pages 18 & 19.

**Important:** The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.  
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

## Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 2 December	<b><u>"St Nicholas for the Children"</u></b>	
	Admission: All Children	\$10.00
	All Adults	\$10.00
Thursday 6 December	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Saturday 8 December	<b><u>"DACWA Clients Christmas Lunch"</u></b>	
	(By invitation only).	
Sunday 9 December	<b><u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u></b>	11.00 am
	Cost:	\$ 7.00
Thursday 13 December	<b><u>"Card Club Neerlandia"</u></b>	
	Break-up night	
Sunday 16 December	<b><u>"Christmas Variety Concert"</u></b>	
	by the Dutch Singers	
	Admission: Members	\$12.00
	Guests	\$15.00
Wednesday 18 Dec	<b><u>"Wednesday Card Club"</u></b>	
	Christmas Luncheon	
Thursday 20 Dec	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
	Christmas Lunch	
<b>Note: The Clubhouse will be closed from 21 December—5 January</b>		
Sunday 6 January	<b><u>"New Year's Celebration Open Day"</u></b>	
	Free entry	
<b>Note: The Clubhouse will be closed from 7 January—23 January</b> (More details on page 7)		
Friday 25 January	<b><u>"End of Month Drinks"</u></b>	
Thursday 31 January	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
	Christmas Lunch	

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## Private Members Parties:

**For bookings of Private Members Parties or information  
that is not in this magazine, please phone:**

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or Lianna Parker on: 0419 181 154**

**Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:**

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)



## President's Report

The other day someone asked me how I feel about being President of the Dutch Society Neerlandia. I had to think about that. It is now two months ago since I officially took over from Piet Leeftang and it has been a steep learning curve.

I meet so many different people who all have their different ideas and

expectations; of course I am trying to accommodate everyone and that is not easy.

While I am writing this article, we are in the middle of the preparations for the Festive Season and since everything at this moment is the first time for me, it can be all a bit daunting. Luckily enough I am surrounded by people who I can turn to for advice and most people understand my situation. Having said all this, I am thoroughly enjoying the work that I am doing for the club and I am really enjoying your positive feedback and your enthusiasm, which I find very encouraging.

## 1952 REUNION

A perfect example of positive feedback was the 1952 Reunion, which was held on 28 October. It was such a pleasure to see all these smiling people catching up with each other; the stories never stopped. Although this was an ANSWA function, I worked closely with ANSWA President Anne Rietveld and that cooperation was a very positive experience for me.

## MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCH

This year was the third year that the Dutch Club organized a Melbourne Cup Lunch. We had found a fantastic caterer who not only prepared a beautiful meal for those who had bought tickets, but who also donated \$10 per person to Neerlandia. This was a very generous gesture for which we are grateful. During the Melbourne Cup Lunch, all guests were welcomed with a glass of champagne and everyone enjoyed the sweepstake. The hat parade proved to be very popular with lots of participants, three of whom won a voucher for the Neerlandia shop.

## THE SHOP

This brings me to something else that I would like to share with you. Over the last few months you will have noticed changes in the Neerlandia winkel and all this is the work of Marieke v d Berg, who took over from Alex while he was unable to attend due to an injury. Marieke brought a personal touch to the shop and when we listen to your comments and to your feedback, we can conclude that you are happy with the results. To our relief Alex' health has improved that much that he and Marieke are now working together in the shop. It is another example of two generations working well with each other within the Neerlandia Community.

## NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION 2013

On 6 January Neerlandia will have an Open Day from 11am – 2pm to celebrate the New Year. Kitchen, bar and shop will be open and everyone is very welcome to drop in for a chat, a drink and a snack.

We are looking forward to start the New Year with your presence in the Club. The New Year's Reception will also be a good opportunity to renew your membership!

And on that note I would like to wish all Members a gezellig Kerstfeest; for 2013 I wish you and your family health, happiness and wisdom.



## From your editor,

The November newsletter was late again and once more it was purely the fault of the company printing the magazine.

The overall result of these recent upheavels is that the Neerlandia Committee has decided to get our magazine printed by another printing company, a move that I

wholeheartedly support.

We have met with the printer and were promised that timelines and deadlines would be adhered to.

Please note that there will not be a magazine published in the month of January, consequently the next magazine you receive will be the February 2013 issue.

## In Memoriam.

On the 7th of November I represented Neerlandia at the funeral of Ben Schrandt.

Ben was Neerlandia's President for 4 years from 1977 – 1981.

During his time as President we were honoured by the visit of the future Dutch Queen Beatrix and Prins Claus. As a memory to their Perth visit, the royal couple were given a plaque and a pair of Black Swans, courtesy of the Perth Zoo of course and they lived for many, many years at their royal Palace.

However, to many Ben was known as the husband of Tinie Schrandt, who passed away earlier this year and who was for many years the owner of the successful Au Revoir Travel agency in Mount Lawley.

On a personal level I have known the family for many years, having worked part time for Ben's cleaning business in the 1950's and also while playing soccer for the Windmills. Our sincere condolences go to his children and their families.

## We are moving:

Finally after patiently waiting for almost 6 months, we managed to sell our house and buy another one in Bibra Lake all in one week. The house is only six years old, it is close to family members and a small shopping centre.

With hardly any gardens to speak of, it is an ideal house to lock up and go. Moving house will happen early in December.

It always comes to those who wait patiently.

## Changes in Dutch citizenship law:

A series of important changes in Dutch Citizenship Law will enter into effect soon (April 2013). Some of these changes may have significant consequences for you and the members of your family, if you intended to gain your Dutch nationality.

Information about this can be found on the websites of the Australian Embassy:

<http://australia.nlembassy.org/services/consular-services/dutch-nationality>.

## Australia has a new Dutch Ambassador:

H.E. Mrs Annemieke Ruigrok presented her Credentials to H.E. Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The ceremony took place at the Government House in Canberra on 26 September.

## Merry Christmas:

On behalf of Joke and myself we wish all our personal friends and readers of the magazine a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Pieter Leeftang, Editor





# Christmas Variety Concert



## Presented by “The Dutch Singers”

- DATE:** Sunday 16 December  
**Venue:** Neerlandia Clubhouse  
230 Cambridge Street Wembley 6014  
**Cost:** \$12.00 for Members  
\$15.00 for Guests  
**Note:** The Admission price includes unlimited Coffee/Tea  
**Show Time:** 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm  
**Doors open:** 11.30 am, come early for good seats  
Come early as our Kitchen will be open for Coffee & Lunch Snacks  
Please come and join the Dutch Singers with their famous repertoire of  
Multicultural Christmas Songs as well as some Community Singing  
There will be a raffle with beautiful Prizes.

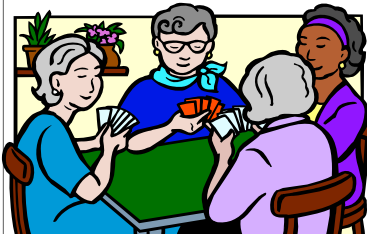
Pre-paid Tickets from The Dutch Singers:

Contact: Gerry Creemers: 9356 4207

Please book your tickets early as we  
limit the number of tickets sold  
and we expect a full house.

## Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

*De eerstvolgende Klaverjas Drives worden gehouden op zondag 9 December op zondag 3 Februari.*



**Kosten: \$7.00 per persoon.**  
Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het Neerlandia

Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn tegoed bonnen voor onze winkel.

Lunch & 2 kopjes koffie zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen.

Aanvang 11.00 uur.  
Iedereen is welkom.



## DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR

INMAAK BRANDEWIJN	\$55.00 PER LITER
OUDE Jenever	\$55.00 PER LITER
JONGE Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
CITROEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
BEERENBURG	\$50.00 PER LITER
POLLEN BESSEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
ZWARTE BESSEN Jenever	\$40.00 PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$35.00 per 700 ML
DIKKE ADVOCaat	\$32.00 per 700 ML

## AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—Noon



## PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every Wednesday from:  
11.00 am—1.00 pm

# End of Month Drinks

The next End of Month Drinks will be held  
on Friday the 25th of January 2013.

**NEW HOURS!** The Bar will be open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm,  
and the Kitchen will remain open until 8.30 pm.

Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!

Available from our Kitchen:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Kroket! Broodje Frikandel!  
Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

**“Kinder Menu” also available!**

**The Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!**

*Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome.*

## Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke



### DONATIONS

Tirelessly Henk Oorschot visits the EoM drinks to promote his book "A Dutch Migrant".

His book has proven to be very popular not only amongst the older Dutch but also amongst the younger

ones.

In October Henk brought his books to the ANSWA 1952 Reunion and again, the copies sold like hot cakes.

A part of the proceeds Henk donates to Neerlandia. So far the Club has received \$260.

Thank you very much Henk!

The book is also for sale in the Neerlandia Shop – ask the ladies in the shop or ask Marieke next time you visit the Club.

Thank you to Cornelia & David! A few months ago Cornelia brought a huge bag with a great collection of Children's VHS tapes. When they realized that the Club doesn't have a VHS player anymore, they bought us one from Cash Converters. This was a very kind gesture for which we thank you warmly. Over the Christmas break we will install the video player in the Children's Paradise.

Still on the Children's Paradise, the big hit last October was the battery driven yellow car kindly donated to us by Cor Egberts. As his grandchildren now have real cars, Cor decided to find new drivers amongst the Neerlandia kids. They loved it and we love it – thank you very much Cor, your big yellow taxi is a gem!

Armanda's Cuisine donated \$10 per person attending the Neerlandia Melbourne Cup Lunch. This was a very generous offer as the food prepared was of outstanding quality. You can read more about this in the President's Report and have a look at a few pictures on page 12.

### EoM Drinks

In the past we considered what entertainment to organize for the End of Month Drinks but after more than 2,5 years we came to the conclusion that the patrons organize their own entertainment. The amount of visitors is still growing and we still meet new people dropping in for "een borreltje". Some of them have intended to visit for the past 2 years or so and finally made it. This only goes to show that we did well hanging on to a dream and insisting that we

could offer something that the newer Dutch are looking for.

Having said that, we also find that members who, for whatever

reason, had not visited the Club for a very long time, occasionally

drop in these days to see what all the fuss is about. It is extremely encouraging for Marieke and for myself to be complimented on bringing life back into the Dutch Club.

If you haven't been yet, come and join us for a drink but be prepared to be overwhelmed by a lot of happy noise, chatty parents and energetic children.



### Dutch Language Books

Every month the Dutch Club offers patrons the opportunity to purchase Dutch language books. These books are contemporary works and donated to us by Dutch leaving Perth. The books are available for \$5, which goes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Neerlandia building.

If you have contemporary Dutch titles to donate, please get in touch with either Marieke or Lianna to arrange pick up or drop off.

### Dutch Book Club

Als je graag nederlandse boeken leest en je wilt je aansluiten bij een Nederlandse boeken club in Perth, neem dan contact op met Ali Mehdi-van Amstel. Ze heeft nog een klein aantal plaatsen over in haar zeer populaire boekclub waar alleen Nederlands talige boeken worden gelezen. Dit is haar contact email:

Bombay@paragraff.com.au

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**  
**THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW**  
**MEMBERS OF**  
**THE DUTCH SOCIETY**  
**NEERLANDIA**

**Hendrika & Ferdinand Klesch**  
**Ali van Amstel**  
**Sjef Verheggen**  
**Andree ter Kuile**  
**Carina Habets**



## Membership update and reminder

With the busy season approaching, it is also time to renew your membership. In this edition of the magazine you will find the membership application/renewal form enclosed. Please make sure you fill out all your details and send it with either a cheque or your credit card details to the club (PO Box 200, Wembley 6913). You can also pay cash for your membership, but please don't send any money by mail. If you belong to one of the sub clubs, you can pay on the days your club meets. Just make sure you put the money in an envelope with your membership renewal form, and write your name on the envelope. This way we can make sure your payment reaches us and we'll mail out a receipt along with your 2013 membership card. If you're attending the New Year's reception, that'll be another excellent moment to pay your membership fees.

In the past few weeks there has been a membership "special", where new members have the opportunity to pay for 2013 and get the months of November and December 2012 for free. This has been a success, with several new people signing up. In total, we're up 19 members from this time last year, which is quite significant when considering we've lost about 30 members since then.

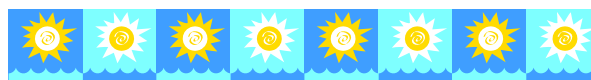
As of this month, Marieke van den Berg will no longer be the Membership Officer for Neerlandia, as she is also very busy with being the Club's Secretary and working alongside Alex in the Shop. Therefore, Piet van Dijk will take over her duties as Membership Officer. Please help him out by filling in as much information as you can on your Membership Renewal form!

Prettig Kerstfeest everyone and a Gelukkig Nieuwjaar! We're looking forward to seeing you all in 2013!



## A NEW ARRIVAL!

Congratulations to Marieke Weerheim & Family  
In September Marieke gave birth to baby boy  
Thomas



## Clubhouse closed for Maintenance:

Please note that the Neerlandia Clubhouse will be closed for members and guests from the 21st of December until the 23rd of January with the exception being the New Years Celebrations on Sunday the 6th of January, which event will be an open day with free admission.

This is a week longer than customary, but this is due to maintenance work that needs to be done in the clubhouse at that time.

## Finishing and starting dates for the associated Clubs:

Following a breakdown of the dates that the various clubs have for their summer break.

### Wednesday Card club:

*Break-up on Wednesday 18 December, activities start again on Wednesday 23 January 2013.*

### Thursday Klaverjas Club Neerlandia:

*Break-up Thursday 13 December, activities start again on Thursday 24 January 2013.*

### De Jeugd van Vroeger (DJVV):

*Break-up 20 December, activities start again on Thursday 31 January 2013*

## Christmas Decorations:

On Friday the 16th of November Committee Members assisted by a couple of willing volunteers put up the Christmas decorations. This annual occurrence gives our Clubhouse a festive atmosphere in readiness for all the activities that take place from now until the end of December.

## St Nicholas & Christmas stock available:

There is still time to obtain Chocolate letters, Taai-taai, Brokken Speculaas, Pepernoten, Marsepijn, Stollen & Kerststaven van de Neerlandia winkel. De opening hours are on page 9. The last shopping day will be Thursday the 20th of December.

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# Laughter is still the best medicine



### A favour for the doctor:

"Murphy, I am going fishing tomorrow and don't want to close the clinic. I want you to take care of the clinic and take care of all my patients".

"Yes, sir!" answers Murphy.

The doctor goes fishing and returns the following day and asks: "So, Murphy, how was your day?"

Murphy told him that he took care of three patients.

"The first one had a headache, so I gave him Paracetamol, so I did, sir," says Murphy.

"Bravo Murphy my lad and the second one?" asks the doctor.

"The second one had indigestion and I gave him Gaviscon, so I did sir," says Murphy.

"Bravo, bravo! You're good at this and what about the third one?" asks the doctor.

"Sir, I was sitting here and suddenly the door flies open and a young gorgeous woman bursts in, so she does.

Like a bolt outta the blue, she starts tearing off her clothes, taking off everything, including her bra and her panties and lies down on the table and shouts: 'HELP ME for the love of St Patrick! For five years I have not seen any man!'"

"Tunderin' lard Jesus Murphy, what did you do?" asks the doctor.

"I just put drops in her eyes," says Murphy.



**With my ailing memory, I'm thinking  
of changing my password to "incorrect"  
That way, when I log in with the wrong  
password, the computer will tell me..  
"Your password is incorrect"**

### Why men are never depressed:

Men Are Just Happier People -- What do you expect from such simple creatures?

Your last name stays put.

The garage is all yours.

Wedding plans take care of themselves.

Chocolate is just another snack.

You can be President.

You can never be pregnant.

You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.

You can wear NO shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell you the truth.

The world is your urinal.

You never have to drive to another service station restroom, because this one is just too icky.

You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.

Same work, more pay.

Wrinkles add character.

Wedding dress \$5000. Tuxedo rental-\$100.

People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.

One mood all the time.

Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.

You know stuff about tanks.

A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.

You can open all your own jars.

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.

If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.

Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.

Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.

You never have strap problems in public.

You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.

Everything on your face stays its original color.

The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.

You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life.

One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one colour for all seasons.

You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife.

You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache.

You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

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***No wonder men are happier.***



# Sunday Drive, Memberships & Merchandise

## The November Sunday Drive.

On Sunday the 4th of November our monthly Sunday Klaverjas Drive was held. Despite inclement weather and some heavy rain, we still had 28 players or 7 tables, which was not too bad under the circumstances. After a welcome cup of coffee the games started and after two games it was time for Lunch and another cup of Coffee or Tea, prepared by Thea & Irma and which was appreciated by everyone.

Then two more rounds were played and then the scores were sorted out and it became apparent that the competition was very tight and close. There was no more

than hundred and fifty points between the top seven finishers!

The prize winners were:

1st prize	Henk Arts	6644 points
2nd prize:	Paula Wessels	6592 points
3rd prize:	John van der Wielen	6582 points

The final Klaverjas Drive for 2012 will be held on Sunday the 9th of December.

After the summer break the drives will continue again on the 3rd of February 2013.

Gerry Creemers

## Neerlandia Memberships Fees for 2013:

The membership fees for 2013 are due again and loose Membership Renewal forms can be found inside this magazine and they will also be available in the clubhouse as well.

Irma van der Kwast has offered to accept membership payments, but only under the following strict conditions:

1. *The membership Renewal forms will have to be completed by the member paying.*
2. *The membership Renewal form with the correct payment has to be inside a sealed envelope.*
3. *Irma will not issue receipts but will hand the envelopes over to the Neerlandia Treasurer.*



John van der Wielen (3rd prize) and Henk Arts, who won the 1st prize.

## DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland

De Sint Nicholaas and Kerst lekkernijen zijn nu verkrijgbaar!

Pepernoten, Taai-Taai, Stollen, Kerststaven, Marsepijn fruit enz enz.

- ... Bitterballen, Kroketten & Frikandellen & Gerookte Makreel.
- ... Van Wees Rookworst. Leidse & Goudse & **Maasdammer Kaas**
- ... Vleeswaren van Jan Otis-Ham, Rookvlees, Amsterdamse worst en Cervelaat worst
- ... **Zoute Haring (Deze zijn momenteel niet beschikbaar)**
- ... Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- ... Piccalilly & Zoet-Zure Augurken. (Bommen of Party Sticks)
- ... Honig Soepen, Curry Saus en Remia Frite & Knoflook Saus
- ... Calvé Mayonaise en Remia Mayonaise
- ... Boterkoek, Pannekoeken, Appeltaart en Poffertjes mix



**De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:**

Elke Woensdag	van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Elke tweede Donderdag (DJVV week)	van 9.00 am - 2.00 pm
Elke Donderdag avond	van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm
Iedere Vrijdag	van 10.00 am - Noon

**De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden**

# New Year's Celebration

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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On Monday the 6th of January 2013

Join us at Neerlandia to celebrate the beginning of the year 2013 in style with a “gezellige” open day



***When: Sunday the 6th of January 2013***

***Time: Doors open from 11.00 am till 2.00 pm.***

***Admission Free!***

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Pop in any time during our opening hours for a chat, a meal, a drink, a cup of coffee or just enjoy someone's company.**

***The Bar, the Kitchen and the Shop will all be open.***

**There is no need to book beforehand. Just show up during opening hours but if possible, bring your friends or family along.**



## Members News

### HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

On 6<sup>th</sup> January the Dutch Club will open its doors to everyone to celebrate the New Year.

Meet old and new friends, bring your (Aussie) friends. Why not bring your overseas guests and show them that New Year in the sun is as good, if not better, than New Year in the cold!

We'll open the kitchen for the traditional Dutch snacks and the bar will be open to buy champagnes to propose a toast.

The New Year's reception is also a good opportunity to renew or to start your Neerlandia membership.

Needless to say that your children are welcome in the Children's Paradise and we kindly request the parents to organize their own supervision.

We'd love to see you on Sunday 6 January between 11am and 2pm.

Lianna Parker, President

Neerlandia Committee Members.

### GELUKKIG NIEUW JAAR IEDEREEN!

Op 6 januari opent de Nederlandse Club de deuren voor iedereen om elkaar een gelukkig nieuwjaar te wensen.

Dit is een mooie kans om oude vrienden te ontmoeten en nieuwe vrienden te maken.

Australische vrienden zijn ook van harte welkom.

Ook kun je gasten uit Nederland meebrengen om hen te laten zien dat nieuwjaarsviering in de zon net zo goed of zelfs beter kan!

De keuken is open voor kroketjes, bitterballen en patat terwijl de bar en de winkel natuurlijk ook open zijn.

De nieuwjaarsreceptie is ook een goede gelegenheid om je lidmaatschap te vernieuwen of te beginnen.

Natuurlijk is het Kinderparadijs open en we verzoeken de ouders om zelf een oogje in het zeil te houden.

We kijken er naar uit om jullie op 6 januari tussen 11am en 2 pm te verwelkomen.

Lianna Parker, President

Neerlandia Committee

## Hollandia Billiard Club News

### Billiard Club Hollandia.

On Monday 22 October the Billiard Club Hollandia held its Annual General Meeting.

The Executive Committee that was elected for the following year were:

President: Ad Liebrechts.

Secretary: Pieter Leeftang.

Treasurer: Ray Schaafsma.

Vice-President and Clubhouse Caretaker : Marius van Moorsel.

On Sunday 4 October the club held its annual Christmas Function and BBQ in their Clubhouse.

About 35 people attended and soon everyone was

enjoying themselves either at the green tables or playing card games or just socialising with a drink. Soon after 5.00 pm the BBQ was lit, ably attended by Ad Liebrechts and shortly afterwards everyone was hopping into the sausages, fried onions and Scotch fillet steaks.

A raffle was held, which was generously supported, to cover the excess costs incurred and all too soon it was time to go home again.

A very successful afternoon and evening thoroughly enjoyed by the members and their guests.

**Pieter Leeftang**



Henk Arts on the Snooker table watched by Ray Schaafsma.



Joke & Gerda both won prizes in the raffle.



# Melbourne Cup Lunch at Neerlandia

## Melbourne Cup.

On Tuesday the 6th of November it was time once again for the race that stops this nation, the Melbourne Cup. Neerlandia had organised a special luncheon and Committee members were quite satisfied with number of members and



guests who turned up, but a few more would not have gone astray. Everyone was met with a complimentary drink of champagne, which added to the carnival atmosphere. The customary sweepstake was a hit with everyone. No fewer than 6 sweeps were filled, which meant that there were 18 winners, who could collect on the spot.

After the race was run, a 3-course Lunch was served which was superb thanks to new Caterers "Amanda' Cuisine." After mains it was time for the hat parade and prizes were awarded for the most creative, the most colourful and the most elegant hats.

All too soon it was all over and Neerlandia announced that the same caterers had been booked for next year.

A most successful event.

**Pieter Leeftang**



**Winners are grinners!**



**The hat parade is always popular.**



**Matty Mentz received a prize for the most creative hat.**



**Lianna Parker with her guest from the Netherlands, Jacqueline Kommers, who won a prize for the most colourful hat.**



**Marieke van de Berg, Judy van de Vlag and Amanda from Amanda' Cuisine.**



December 2012

## DUTCH AGED CARE NEWSLETTER

The Official Publication of Dutch Aged Care Western Australia Inc.  
To all members and supporters of DACWA

### Editorial

Firstly I would like this opportunity to thank Lianna Parker for being the DACWA newsletter Editor for many years. Unfortunately for us Lianna had to stop being our editor when she dedicated herself and her time to Neerlandia by becoming their first female President, a function not for the fainthearted and a full time commitment.

As DACWA needed an editor, it became a matter of drawing straws here in the office and I drew the shortest. Admittedly I was actually delighted about this fact as I have so little contact with our clients, support workers and volunteers due to my new function. This is a chance for me to tell you all that I am still here and enjoying my work with DACWA immensely. In this last newsletter for 2012, you will find the report as presented at the AGM by our Acting Chairman Henry Koldenhoven. There is also a great article from the Care Team on the Support Workers lunch and some information on fire safety.

As always we would like to stress that when you have an interesting story to share with us, please let us know.

In closing, the Board and staff of DACWA wish you and your loved ones a very beautiful Christmas and a healthy happy 2013.

### Karin Eastwood, Editor

During the last 2 years I have assisted DACWA with putting together their quarterly Newsletter.

A job I thoroughly enjoyed. I believe that the DACWA Newsletter is an excellent tool to keep DACWA members and DACWA clients informed about developments in the Aged Care Industry in Australia. The DACWA Newsletter is also a great way of advising the DACWA community on what is happening with the organization on a day to day basis. Never underestimate the work and effort that goes into smoothly running an organization like DACWA!

I believe that the DACWA Newsletter has to be of the highest possible standard and with lots of variety to satisfy the reader.

Many of you are aware that last September I became President of Dutch Society Neerlandia. The workload that I am now faced with made me reconsider my work with DACWA. For that reason I have decided to cease writing articles and editing the DACWA Newsletter, at least for the time being. I feel that I have not enough time to keep up the standard of the Newsletter that I have always aimed for.

Luckily enough Karin has made time available to take over and she is now coordinating the quarterly DACWA Newsletter.

Please support her by submitting your articles, thoughts and suggestions; your contributions are greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year!

### Kindest Regards

Lianna Parker

### DUTCH AGED CARE WA (INC) (DACWA)

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT CHANGES AND FUTURE PLANNING.

Due to the rapid growth of DACWA services and programs as well as the urgent need to plan for the future, it became inevitable for the Board to put in place a number of changes. In June 2012 the new position of Corporate Services Manager (CSM) was created by the Board.

This position will meet our current and our future growth needs and the ever expanding requirements of the organisation, as a leader providing Aged Care support services in the Perth Metropolitan area. The title of "Office Manager" became defunct and Karin Eastwood, who used to be the Office Manager, was appointed to the position of CSM.

The Board also developed the position of Financial Controller (FC). This position has accounting responsibility, relative day-to-day funding transactions involving collecting and receiving fees from service users and/or Government Departments, invoicing, receipting and related banking needs.

The role is also responsible for debtor control and review, the management of creditors and general accounts payable when due. Anja Todd has been appointed as DACWA's FC.

This year (2012) DACWA Board reviewed the Strategic Plan. The CSM will be responsible for initiating future reviews. Another major task undertaken in 2012 was the upgrade of all policies and procedures in such a manner that DACWA's Corporate Governance is clear and transparent for all stakeholders.

A clear-cut job description has been provided for all Board members and one of the concerns that became obvious during this process was that DACWA needs more Board members who have knowledge of the Aged Care Industry, Management skills and Financial matters.

By Deanna Vlam and Karin Eastwood



## Upcoming Events

### Monthly DACWA Board Meeting

– Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

For details on the DACWA Board or DACWA in general, contact Karin on: 9382 4186 or

Email: [om@dacwa.org](mailto:om@dacwa.org)

### Ratatouille Club

– every other Thursday.

A friendly get-together with light physical and/or mental exercises.

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For details contact the CACP Care Team on:

9388 1678 or 9382 1983 or

Email [cacp@dacwa.org](mailto:cacp@dacwa.org)

Please note the final class for 2012 will be on 13 December.

Classes will start again on 7 February 2013

### Friends of DACWA End of Month Drinks

–Every Last Friday of the month.

From 5:30pm – 9:00pm in the lounge of Dutch Society ‘Neerlandia’, 230 Cambridge Street, Wembley.

Due to the festive season there will be no End of Month Drinks in December.

### Workshops for Support Workers in 2013 are planned on:

21 February 2013

16 May 2013

22 August 2013

14 November 2013

28 November 2013

### Workshops for DACWA volunteers in 2013 are planned on:

12 February 2013

Laughter Workshop

14 May 2013

Australia Overview of Dementia

27 August 2013

Multiculturalism in ACF and Lifestyle

19 November 2013

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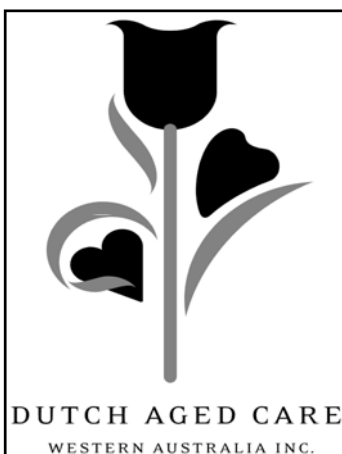
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## A warm welcome to the following New Members

Mrs R. Clemens

Mrs R. Nissen

Mrs R Nissen

Mrs E. Piller

Mr H. Smit



# DACWA NEWSLETTER

## Support Worker Christmas party

On 26<sup>th</sup> of October we spoiled our Support Worker with an early Christmas lunch at Miss Maud.

It was nice to see 27 of our great Support staff, unfortunately some could not come because of holidays or being ill.

We also invited 3 Board members and Henry Koldenhoven our Vice President thanked our staff for their dedication. Six of our Support Workers received recognition for outstanding work which included a small gift and a voucher.

The Care Team likes to say "Thank you" to all Support Workers, without your dedication we would not be where we are now. It is a great pleasure to have you working for Dutch Aged Care.

At the moment we are operating our service with 35 Support Workers, which gives us a good variety to cover the whole Metropolitan area.

**Regine, Care Team Manager  
Dutch Aged Care**



All the Support staff present at the Party.

## Dutch Aged Care (Western Australia) Inc

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The principal aim of Dutch Aged Care (WA) Inc. shall be to assist in maintaining or improving the quality of life of persons who are aged and living in the Perth (WA) metropolitan area and who identify with the Dutch or German speaking culture.



Five of the six support staff who received a recognition, being Hermine, Sigrid, Jessice, Silke and Jenny.



Board members Robert, Henry and Ute and office staff Jose, Anja and Regine.

## DACWA AGM:

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October DACWA held its Annual General Meeting (AGM). Invitations were sent out to all financial members and we were hoping on a good turnout. We were however disappointed with the number of people who attended the AGM. Here at DACWA we are very proud of the services we provide and we were looking forward to treating the membership to a transparent and clear insight of the way our organisation operates.

Therefore we would like to get feedback from you, where we went wrong. Was the meeting at a time or day which was not convenient for you to attend? Or is there another reason that caused you to stay away?

Please let us know so that we can take this into consideration for the next AGM as we value your support.

You can give us a phone call on 9382 4182 or even better send an email to [dacwa@dacwa.org](mailto:dacwa@dacwa.org)

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## DUTCH AGED CARE (WA) INC CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2011/2012 PERIOD

Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to the Annual General Meeting of DACWA for the 2012 year.

Again we have seen a noticeable growth in all our services, including a positive return in our bottom line. This report will be a brief overview of the year with more detail being provided by the different section managers in their reports.

This has once **more been a year of on-going review, flexibility and subsequent change**. The Board of Management has lost some valuable members early in the term but we were fortunate in attracting new candidates offering new ideas and a wealth of experience in other fields.

With growth came other demands of specialist needs and services and two new positions were created; being those of Financial Controller and Corporate Services Manager. Both these services were filled by existing staff and through reformatting their current job descriptions. This allowed a better development of their roles and more importantly the provision of support and information to Board Members and to operational staff if and when required.

This was evident in a recent policy review by the Department of Health and Ageing which included amendments to future Risk Management procedures and policies.

During the latter part of 2011 we received advice that DACWA was the beneficiary in the estate of one of our former clients who has passed on. The funds have been invested and the earnings will support our HVS program.

ACSWA the Aged Care body representing the industry in WA recently nominated DACWA as a Finalist in the 2012 Excellence in Care Awards. The event was held at Burswood and attended by our staff and a number of Board Members.

This was just recognition by our peers that we had become a major player in the Aged Care Service Industry.

The Board of Management intends to continue the information seminars that were so successful last year. A date has not been set but will probably be in April 2013 covering subjects such as Wills, EPAs Executors and Funeral Plans.

A subgroup within DACWA is continuing to follow up on Nursing Home Issues. A dialogue is maintained with Government and other interested parties. This working group is always looking for more supporters to spread the load.

In closing I wish to thank my fellow Board Members for their support and guidance over the past twelve months and let us look forward to the next twelve, the Staff what a magnificent team all dedicated to the welfare of our elderly, we could not have asked for a better group, let us not forget our Volunteers, without their time and effort we would be severely limited in our visiting services to those who need it most.

Thank you all,

**Henry Koldenhoven**  
**Vice Chairman**

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## Fundraiser:

On 23 March 2013 DACWA is holding a community group sausage sizzle at HomeBase on Salvado Road in Wembley. The proceeds of this event will go to our Home Visitors Scheme which is entirely self-funded. The first sausages will be sold at 8:00 in the morning and we will continue till all goodies are sold or the gas of the BBQ is turned off at around 4 in the afternoon. We will therefore need lots of very enthusiastic volunteers to help us on that day. When you love to have some fun and ***have an hour to spare to help us on the 23 March, please contact Joyce or Karin on 9382 4186.***

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## DUTCH AGED CARE (WA) INC

We are currently looking for two enthusiastic people to join our Board of Management.

If you have knowledge relating to Community Aged Care services and/ or enjoy thinking outside the square, or willing to take on holiday relief, or help organize a function, have legal, financial or management skills, we would very much like to hear from you.

Our client base includes all people who identify with the Germanic Language and Culture. The Board meets once a month at Neerlandia (Dutch Club) in Wembley. This is a very interesting, worthwhile and rewarding honorary position.

If you have (1) or some of the Skills listed or even (½) a Skill, we need you.

Please contact us for more information or to make an appointment on 9382 4186 or alternatively by email: [om@dacwa.org](mailto:om@dacwa.org)





## Fire Extinguisher Demonstration

On a drizzly Monday morning the DACWA Office Staff and a few Support Workers received a training session by a fire fighter in the basic understanding of fire behaviour and the use of portable fire extinguishers.

We learned that for a fire to start there are three components needed being fuel, oxygen and heat. If you take one component away, the fire will go out. We also learned that there are 6 classes of fires being A) Ordinary Combustibles such as wood or paper, B) Flammable liquids (Petrol), C) Flammable Gasses (think of the barbeque), D) Combustible metals (those containing sodium, magnesium and titanium), E) Electrical fires (computer) and D) Fat fires (cooking oil or fat).

Many people will grab a bucket of water when they see a fire starting as we all have a picture in our minds of firemen rolling out their hoses, filling them from a nearby water source and blasting the fire out. But even with loads of water it can take a professional a long time to put a fire out and it is a well-known fact that water cannot be used on electric fires. What is less known is that water will cause a huge fireball when you chuck it on a fat fire. Don't forget that the chemical formula for water is H<sub>2</sub>O, 2

Hydrogen atoms and one single atom of Oxygen, which is a component needed to have a fire.

We were taken through the steps how to kill a fat fire in the kitchen. Picture yourself cooking some delicious bitterballen and the flame gets hold of the very hot oil in the pan on the stove. One or more components of a fire being fuel, oxygen and heat, will need to be taken away. To take away the pan with contents is too dangerous, so turn off the stove and take away the oxygen by placing a big lid of a pan on the burning pot. Make sure you start lowering the lid on the side closest to your body and then lower the lid away from you until it covers the whole pan. When you can't find a big lid you could use a wooden chopping board. Please do not use a plastic one, it would melt!

A fire blanket would be a much better and safer way of extinguishing a fire. They do not cost a huge amount and are easy to store somewhere close to the kitchen within reach in case of an emergency. Please note, it is crucial to read the instructions when you have such a blanket as you will not have to time in case of a panic situation.

Another safe tool in case of a fire is a fire extinguisher. Just as with fires there are many different types of fires available so if you like to buy one, get some professional advice. The most popular ones are the CO<sub>2</sub> extinguisher for paint, oil and electrical fires and the Dry Powder extinguisher which is for many different uses but mighty messy.

At the end of the session we got to play with a CO<sub>2</sub> and a Dry Powder extinguisher as well as a fire blanket. That was a great experience, to realise you can actually put out a fire by using the correct tools and technique.

We learned a lot on that Monday and hopefully you got something out of it too. Let us now hope we will never need to put our new knowledge into practice.



**Karin Eastwood**



**José showing the correct way to handle a fire blanket on a fat or oil fire.**



# National Park “de Hoge Veluwe”

## NATIONAL PARK de HOGE VELUWE



### HISTORY

The park was established by the businessman Anton Kröller and his wife Helene Kröller-Müller as an private estate in 1909. Up until 1923 the park was under construction with wildlife being imported and the building of the hunting lodge and fences. The hunting residence is called St. Hubertus Hunting Lodge after St. Hubertus and was designed by prominent Dutch architect Hendrik Petrus Berlage. Helene Kröller-Müller was an art collector and work had begun on a museum inside the park.

Due to worsening economic conditions the building of the museum was halted and the couple found themselves unable to keep the estate. In 1935 the art collection was donated to the State of the Netherlands, which then continued to build the Kröller-Müller Museum. The park was handed over to a foundation, which received a loan from the State. At that time the estate became the second national park in the Netherlands. The park is still one of the two private owned national parks in the Netherlands, but the only one that asks an entrance fee. The Kröller-Müller Museum boast “The Van Gogh Collection”: the largest privately owned collection of Van Goghs in the world (not counting the collection of the Van Gogh family itself).

### SMALL BUT VARIED

Though the park is relatively small at 54 square kilometres, it is home to a surprising diversity of habitats and inhabitants. It shows a total overview of Dutch nature and wildlife, in a setting that is truly amazing.

Pine forests, heaths, grasslands and peat bogs. Sand drifts are mingled across the landscape and the park houses dozens of threatened species, including the moor frog and the grass snake.

Other species found in the park include red deer, roe deer, wild boar, mouflon, foxes, badgers, and the European Pine Marten.



*European Pine Marten*



*Cycle paths galore throughout the park*

Hoenderloo and Schaarsbergen.

### 1000 FREE BIKE HIRE

The park is surrounded by fences to contain wildlife within the nominated area. These, combined with the required entrance fee, led to years of protests by cyclists and hikers who were forced either to pay the fee or else to follow lengthy detours.

In 2007 a solution was reached by charging reduced fees for cyclists who spend only a limited amount of time within the confines of the park.

Visitors to the park can use one of the 1,000 'white bikes' free of charge and cycle through 26 miles of paved paths, including the outdoor sculpture garden. You can also walk along the heath fields of the Veluwe with a shepherd.

There are three entrances, located at the villages of Otterlo,

### UNDERGROUND MUSEUM

Ever had a look underground, in both senses of the word? Well, now you can, at the “Museonder”. The Museonder is the first underground museum in the world and is located in the Visitor Centre. A visit to the Museonder is included in the price of an admission ticket for the Park.

The Museonder (Museum Under) gives you a surprising idea of what lives and used to live below the Earth's surface.

# National Park “de Hoge Veluwe”

## Hunting Lodge

Jachthuis St. Hubertus, the magnificent hunting lodge was commissioned by Anton Kröller-Müller and executed by the Dutch architect Berlage. It is a centrepiece of the park. It is filled with museum-quality art, but also stands alone as one of the outstanding examples of architectural skill to be found in the Netherlands.

The Hunting Lodge is a symphony of brickwork. Symphonies are, of course, anything but simple in construction, and the hunting lodge is similarly complex. Architect Berlage based all of his calculations on the dimensions of the bricks, in which the size of the stretcher (brick length) determines the length of the brick surfaces, and the size of the header (brick thickness) determines the height. In the hunting lodge, a brick size of 10 x 21 x 5 cm was the standard, and practically the entire building is formed in dimensions of 110 cm (or ten headers plus the mortar joints). This ruler is applied uniformly outside, where the red bricks were left in their fired color, and inside, where they were glazed red, green, yellow, blue, light grey or black.



*Saint Hubertus Hunting Lodge*

## TERLET AIRFIELD



*A Glider ready for take-off*

In Dutch: Vliegveld Terlet, is a small airfield in the Netherlands, 4.6 km north of Arnhem in Gelderland and close to Deelen Air Base and National Park the Hoge Veluwe. It is used mainly by gliders and motor gliders, as well as some light aircraft such as the Aviat Husky, mainly used as tugs for the gliders. The airfield has 5 airstrips for gliders and one for light aircraft. Runways are: 04L/22R, 04C/22C, 04R/22L, 12/30, 14R/32L and 14L/32R. Motorised aircraft are allowed to operate from only one strip, and only when prior permission is obtained. The field was founded in 1952 by the Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging voor Luchtvaart (Royal Dutch Foundation for Aviation) to promote glider flying, though glider flying has taken place from the area since 1932. It is now home to the largest glider flying association in the Netherlands.

## DEELEN MILITARY AIRBASE

Situated just north of Arnhem and adjacent to the Hoge Veluwe, it was founded in 1913 as a base for border patrol missions.

When the Netherlands surrendered to Germany in World War II, the Luftwaffe started using the field, significantly expanding and upgrading the base.

After the war, up until 1950, the Dutch military used Deelen as a storage facility. In 1950, the decision was made to restore Deelen back to an operational air base, and from 1957 to 1963 was the base for the Royal Netherlands Air Force RF-84F Thunderflash photo reconnaissance aircraft.



*Wild Boar in the park*



*Beautiful heath field on the Veluwe*



*Red Fox and his prey*

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.



# Associated Netherlands Societies in WA

## Migrants 60 year Reunion 1952—2012

Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> October saw a very successful Dutch Migrant Reunion for all who came to this country in the year 1952. Many have now reached a mature age and some were there represented by their families. Of course friends who came in earlier and later years were also very welcome.

The venue for this event was the Dutch Club Neerlandia in Cambridge Street in Wembley; and the attendance was excellent with both the hall and the lounge filled with guests for most of the day. The committee of the "Associated Netherlands Societies in WA" (known as ANSWA) and its Migrant Reunion Subgroup worked hard at creating the right atmosphere with all the appropriate displays, National Archives stand and also a stand where shipping lists of that time could be perused

and checked through.

Amongst the displays were photos of the ships that came out carrying all the migrants, also photos of the early migrants, migrant camps and much more. There were plenty of brochures and posters that were



free to collect as well as the free information one could receive at the information stands.

Various books written on the early



migrants; and books written by early migrants were on display and also on sale.

Together ANSWA and the Dutch Society Neerlandia presented a very informative, a very colourful and a very 'gezellig' day.

Congratulations to all those volunteers who worked at making this a very successful day.

By Henny Crijns...

## CC The Sandgropers Country & Western Fundraiser for DACWA

On Sunday 21st October 2012 the Carnival Club the Sandgropers held a "Country & Western" style event in an effort to raise always much needed funding for one of WA's Dutch Community organizations known as DACWA—the only Dutch Aged Care organization in this vast state. With the need for this specialized care ever increasing particularly over the last few years and indeed for the already foreseeable future, the Sandgropers find it difficult to understand why so few of the Dutch Community failed to join with the few who did come to support this special event. Many normally attending & expected people were noticeably missing and one wonders why?

The Sandgropers did their very best to promote this event with posters, emails, adverts on radio and word of mouth and yet only 35 guests out of the whole Dutch Community outside of Sandgroper members and Neerlandia volunteer staff turned up. We thank all those

people for being there, for participating in this effort; and also in the raffle.

With the Dutch Club Neerlandia giving the use of the hall 'gratis' as a goodwill gesture and with the little received from ticket sales and raffle, the Sandgropers still managed to donate a reasonable if not staggering amount of funding to DACWA. We still feel sure that DACWA's Home Visiting Scheme will be able to find some use for this. The hall was nicely decorated as were the tables. The CC The Sandgropers had their banners up along with the usual colourful decorations. Gerry van Sambeek was the 1-man-band and he did a tremendous job with the music. We did actually see some guests take to the dance floor. Vorst Harry Crijns and Sandgroper Raad Member Ex Prins Theo vd Peppel performed an hilarious floorshow depicting Theo as 'Dorus', the well-known Dutch comedian of old, foaming up and shaving with an old style 'cut throat razor, a very well

dressed but nervous Vorst Harry to the operatic tune of 'Figaro'. Hilarious!!!

The raffle was of course the usual 'BIG' raffle with so many prizes—at least one per guest if it were drawn that way. But of course some won more than others & I won nothing! For those who were there it was a pleasant and good time afternoon, even though little in numbers & quiet—



The Sandgropers thank you.

By Henny Crijns...



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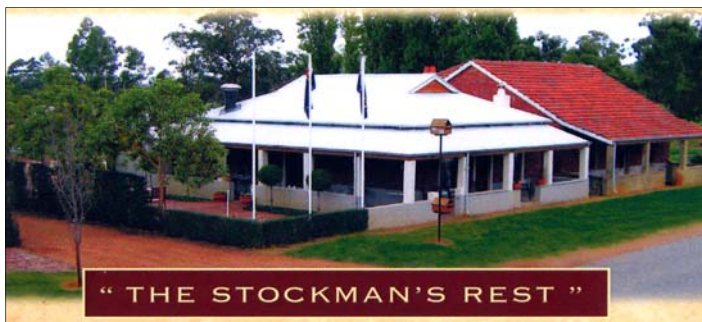
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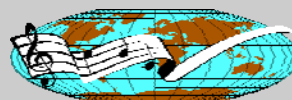
Phone 0409 872 253 (Alf Ukich) to assess your requirements and confirm your attendance.

1. You need to bring your own laptop
2. Some routine office tasks may be worked up and demonstrated in the lesson.



3. This service is free for our members, but there is a small charge for coffee.

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# Christmas Message

## Christmas 2012.

During the Christmas festivities our thoughts will often stray to some events that have been buried in the depth of our minds, from a period in our lives that simply cannot be forgotten. It might have something to do with our parents or other family members, or maybe a combination of dangers around us personally and affecting all around us in some way. For those older ones amongst us, it usually has something to do with the years we had to live in the Netherlands during the German occupation. The trauma of seeing it all happening as well as living in a country, sandwiched between two opposing mighty forces of war. I will now follow this up with a true story of a young woman in wartime Holland, who left home with her younger sister to help her family getting through the convulsions leading to war's end.

Towards the end of 1944, the situation in Holland north of the big rivers had become desperate. Food had become very scarce as a result of the German occupation forces, confiscating whatever they could discover to feed their own. The Dutch resistance, being active already for some years, were regularly breaking into offices where food coupons were stored intended for distribution and to help those in need. Towards the end of the year, the temperature had dropped below zero, obtaining firewood or coal to heat the peoples' homes or heat the stoves to cook a meal had almost become impossible. Many went out at night time to cut a tree and drag the pieces home from somewhere. Other enterprising people surreptitiously even broke up the jarrah rectangular blocks, filling the space between the tram-rails in the streets of The Hague, as I witnessed myself at one occasion. Those caught faced severe punishment, mostly transportation to Germany as forced labourers in their factories, producing ammunition, tank, guns and trucks. This young woman and her younger sister had made the decision to leave home, because her mother had run out of her valuable possessions like jewelry, the family's silver cutlery, linen bed-sheets, even their tea to barter for the essential foods like milk, eggs, potatoes etc. But let me tell you about the origin of all these troubles as I am now running too far in front of my story. Their father, the principal of a School for mainly Chinese children in Batavia, had stayed behind in 1938 to serve out his last two years of contract with the Education Department before his generous pension was due. His wife and three teenage daughters were going to Holland so that his eldest daughter, suffering from epilepsy, could get proper medical attention. Having arrived in Holland, after a pleasant trip on one of the many ocean liners, who were sailing regularly between Rotterdam and Batavia, the family settled in a nice home in Zouterwoude, semi-rural and close to Leiden. It did not take long for the family to settle in, the girls going to school in Leiden and Mum turning her new abode into a happy home for all to enjoy. Little did the family know of what was going to be in store for them in the years to come. Christmas was followed by the New Year celebrations of 1939, the

family in Holland talking excitedly to Dad in far-away Batavia by telephone.

As time went on however, war clouds were darkening the horizon. But low and behold, a big chest from Batavia had arrived and on opening it proved to be filled with a top grade tea as the label inside announced, the flowery Orange Pekoe first grade, protected by a lining of tinfoil, straight from a well-known plantation in the Indies. This was sent by order from Dad to fill their teapot for years to come with lovely tasting tea, so a letter read from Batavia a few days later.

The months in the New Year floated away, one after another, until September arrived and then it happened, Germany invaded Poland. England and France declared war on Germany, in accordance with a treaty signed some years earlier with Poland. Holland called up its army reservists as well as many other young males, including myself.

After some months of phony war, all hell broke loose on the 10th of May 1940 when Germany invaded Holland. The family huddled together as they saw parachutes floating down in the far distance, heard canon firing and smoke rising from the military airport Valkenburg, near



**German paratroopers land in Valkenburg near Wassenaar.**

Wassenaar. Trouble started when the regular money transfers from their father in Batavia stopped. Head-office of the Education

Department in The Hague could give no answer nor could they offer any help. They were waiting for instructions the family were told. And so the struggle for survival had started for Mum and her three daughters. In her days before marriage, Mum had been a school teacher and so she applied for a teaching appointment in order to earn the money to enable her to pay the normal household expenses for herself and family. An additional financial burden were the medical expenses for her oldest daughter. At long last, Mum was successful and in these rather unsettled times, she could start teaching again whenever a permanent teacher became ill or was absent for other reasons, all in different schools and locations.

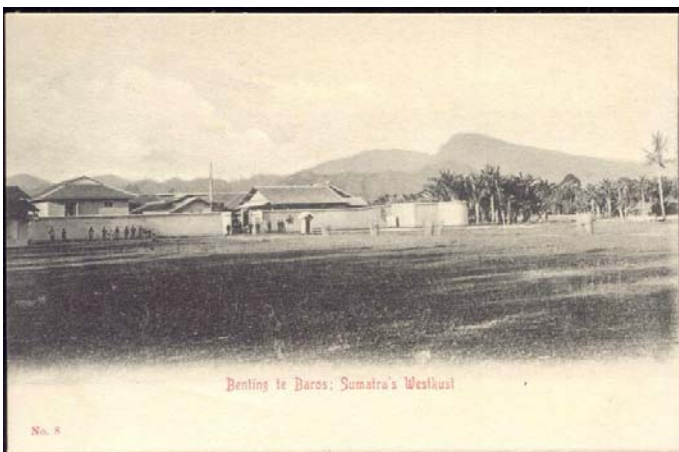
By this time, Christmas in 1941 was not far away and Mum and her three daughters were making preparations to celebrate with the meager supplies they could afford. Their somewhat subdued joy however was disturbed by news from the Netherlands Government in exile that war had been declared on Japan on the 8th of December. Filled with anxiety about the fate of their father, living in Batavia, the family huddled together while listening

# Christmas Message

to the news broadcast. The Japanese armies and navy seemed to be unstoppable, first Pearl Harbour on the Sunday of 7 December 1941, followed by Guam, Hong-Kong, Malaya, Borneo, Menado, Singapore and finally Java after the battle of the Java Sea on 27 February 1942, whereby the Dutch lost their three light cruisers de Ruyter, Java and Tromp as well as sixteen submarines. Japanese soldiers were now scouring the leafy avenues of Batavia, picking up anyone moving around, also the girls' father on his way to school. They all were just kicked into waiting trucks like cattle and transported to a holding camp. This all happened unknown to the family in Holland, separated from their beloved husband and father and living in fear during that cold and cruel winter.

As the years rolled on, High School was completed by the two eldest girls; also food had become scarcer from day to day and food coupons were issued by local government. A run on the various shops was the result for the few hours, when the coupons became valid. For the rest of the time, shelves were empty. The time had come that jewelry and other precious items had to be exchanged for essentials like butter, eggs, milk, potatoes, etc. Tea had now become a very 'sought-after' item for barter, of which the family had plenty, but as prices increased, it did not take all that long or the bottom of the tea-chest was bare. Then the silver tableware, jewelry and linen-goods were all they had left to be exchanged for food. The time had now arrived for the young woman to have a serious talk with her mother and her younger sister.

While the days followed one after another, very slowly news from dad was percolating through from Japanese occupied Java through the Red Cross medium. The first one was written in Camp Baros near Tjimahi and held a



short message that Dad was picked up on the 11th of May 1942, losing all his important papers, money and other possessions. In Camp Baros he had to share with 120 inmates one small bottle of ink and one steel pen nip, jammed in a short piece of bamboo, and wait for his turn to write a letter. The short message, scribbled on a small piece of crumbled rice-paper, also read that he was still healthy but weakened for lack of proper food. It was now agreed the two younger ones would leave

home to go east and offer themselves for work on farms in the rural areas not far from the German border. By doing this, Mum could then use the food coupons meant for the two others, to more adequately feed herself and her disabled daughter. And so the young woman and her sister walked all the way from Zoeterwoude to near the German border, with nothing else to carry than a small case with some clothes. After a few weeks walking, sleeping in haystacks and getting some food from helpful farmers, they finally settled in an abandoned large chicken-coop, for which they paid a small rental to one of the farmers they could work for. With some talking combined with lots of luck, some blankets and other items were obtained to give some comfort and create an image of home. More letters from dad were arriving, often written in pencil since all the communal ink was finished. He had bartered a short piece of pencil, treasured by another inmate, for an egg dad had bartered again with a local, outside the barbed wire, living nearby the camp. Gradually the letters became desperate, written by a very sick man at his wits end. Finally, after many delays at war's end, dad came home, very ill, but will-power and lots of love from his wife and daughters, gave him a few more years of life after his terrible ordeal. Much later by adding stories together and some casual remarks, it came out that life in Camp Baros had been a living hell, beatings were quite common for the most minor breaches, like not greeting their Japanese guards quick enough and many a time the inmates had to witness an execution by sword.

This all took place over the many desperate years of enemy occupation, culminating into starvation of thousands from the freezing cold in Holland during that terrible winter of 1944/45. This gifted, courageous and loyal young woman's name was Anna Schoppen, who married me after I returned from military training in England. We both went to the East Indies enlisted as officers in the 'Zeven December Division' where she became the secretary of a Colonel, who was charged to supply my artillery regiment with the necessary to bring peace again in this war-torn country. Knowing where we were operating, Anna then often received permission to join a well-armed supply convoy through treacherous country to be with her man. Having migrated to Australia, Anna became a key partner in our group of building companies, not only in control of finance, but as a successful designer of the many homes we constructed and blocks of flats in various locations of Perth, thereby not forgetting our own home.

We had a happy marriage that lasted nearly sixty years, until her death from cancer.

***By ending this story, I now wish you a Happy Festive Season and a healthy and Fortunate New Year, and thereby sincerely hope that none of you who have been reading this will ever have to suffer the trauma of war.***

**Gerard Woerlee.**

# Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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## CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



### How to play the Game:

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

*I found the last Codebreaker not all that easy, but once I found the words "Iguana" & "Bureau", I was on my way.*

The March solution was:

A=22; B=3; C=11; D=2; E=6; F=9; G=14; H=1; I=24; J=12; K=4; L=19; M=20; N=5; O=17; P=8; Q=15; R=10; S=18; T=26; U=16; V=25; W=7; X=21; Y=13; Z=23.

## Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

### Sudoku - Easy

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8	1			2		6	4	
1				6	2			
		3	4	9	5	1		
			3	1				2
	7	4		3			9	8
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	2		7			4		



### Sudoku - Moderate

			2	6	8			5
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		6	4		7	9		
1	9			5		2		
	8						2	
					4		9	
5			1	9	2			



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